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1. FOREIGNERS INCLUDING US NATIONALS FACING SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGES IN INDONESIAN COURTS CAN GET FREE LEGAL COUNSEL. THIS IS DONE BY APPLYING TO LOCAL COURT WHICH APPOINTS COUNSEL.

2. "READILY AVAILABLE" IS COMPARATIVE WORD; INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES SAY SUCH COUNSEL IS READILY AVAILABLE. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING IN TIME FOR TRIAL. IN ONE CASE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED COUNSEL DOES NOT SEE ACCUSED UNTIL DAY OF TRIAL.

3. COURT-APPOINTED LAWYERS ARE GENERALLY YOUNGER AND LESS EXPERIENCED THAN PRIVATELY RETAINED CONNSEL. THEREFORE SUCH "PUBLIC DEFENDERS" WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE.

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4. FOR ROUTINE CIVIL CASES A FOREIGNER INCLUDING US NATIONAL COULD ALSO APPLY FOR LEGAL AID AT REDUCED FEE THROUGH INSTITUTE OF LEGAL AID WHICH WOULD APPOINT COUNSEL FOR NOMINAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE. IN SUCH CASE APPLICANT IS ADVISED TO HAVE SUPPORTING LETTER FROM EMBASSY OR CONSULATE.
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